

**MINUTES OF THE  
ENERGY POLICY TASK FORCE**

Wednesday, May 26, 2004 – 2:00 p.m. – Room W130 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Leonard M. Blackham, Senate Chair  
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, House Chair  
Sen. Mike Dmitrich  
Sen. Ed P. Mayne  
Rep. Ralph Becker  
Rep. Chad E. Bennion  
Rep. David Ure

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Gregory S. Bell  
Sen. Dan R. Eastman  
Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Ty McCartney  
Rep. Darin G. Peterson

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Mark B. Steinagel, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Phalin Flowers, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://www.le.utah.gov> or by contacting the task force secretary, Wendy Bangerter, at 538-1032.

**1. Task Force Business**

Chair Blackham called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Bennion moved to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2003 and the February 5, 2004 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Energy Security**

Rep. Allen introduced this topic.

Mr. Matthew H. Brown, Energy Program Director, National Conference of State Legislatures, presented "The Forum for America's Ideas: Energy Security." "Energy Policy: State Policy" was distributed to the Task Force at Mr. Brown's request.

**3. Impact of Federal Trade Agreement on Public Utilities**

Chair Allen introduced this topic and the presenters, Rep. George Eskridge from Idaho, and Mr. Robert Stumberg, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center.

Rep. Eskridge and Mr. Stumberg discussed the impact of federal trade agreements on the state's ability to regulate public utilities and establish energy policies.

**4. 2003 Holiday Storm Report**

Mr. Rich Walje, Executive Vice President, PacifiCorp, and Ms. Karen Gilmore, Vice President for Customer Service, PacifiCorp, distributed and discussed "Storm Report."

## **5. Task Force Discussion of Study Items for the Interim**

The Task Force members discussed potential study items for the 2004 interim.

The following members of the public also gave suggestions for interim study:

Mr. Paul Barber, Assistant Director, Utah Association of Energy Users,  
Mr. Sterling Brown, Assistant Director, Utah Farm Bureau Federation,  
Mr. Charles Greenhawt, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, Questar,  
Ms. Irene Rees, Director, Division of Public Utilities,  
Mr. Paul Proctor, Committee of Consumer Services, and  
Mr. Rich Walje, Executive Vice President, PacifiCorp.

## **6. Other Items / Adjourn**

Chair Blackham adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.